

1. STATE Maryland  
COUNTY Baltimore  
TOWN Lutherville VICINITY  
STREET NO. 1400 Front Avenue

ORIGINAL OWNER  
ORIGINAL USE residence  
PRESENT OWNER Gordon T. Bautz  
PRESENT USE residence  
WALL CONSTRUCTION brick  
NO. OF STORIES orig: 3; pres: 2

# HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY

2. NAME Creighton C  
DATE OR PERIOD c. 1855; c. 1935  
STYLE Italianate--Colonial Revival  
ARCHITECT  
BUILDER

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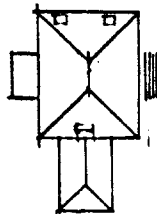
## 4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

The existing appearance of this house, often said to have been built in the 1830's and Lutherville's "oldest house," is the result of extensive alterations which took place in the 1930's by a Mr. Edmundson. By this remodeling a fine Italianate house seen in the old photograph with a third floor, wide overhanging eaves supported on large brackets, a handsome beveledere which had an arched window on each face breaking the eaves and flanked by flat headed windows with brackets supporting its roof and finial, a hipped roof with central open gables over arched third floor windows, and with a front veranda with its jig-saw cut slat balustrade, square columns and dentiled cornice was obliterated. The effect rendered a particularly handsome example of mid-nineteenth century Victorian country villa type architecture, designed in the mode of Nathan Starkweather (a Washington-Baltimore architect), a bland example of the so-called "colonial" style with a low hipped roof, four end chimneys, two stories, and five bays which still retain the original wooden lentils set into the brick work. Architecturally, the only ornament visible is a fine set of wrought iron porch rails at the front stoop of the main entrance which still retains the original character of the sidelighted and transomed doorway which retains the original paneled, double doors.

Inside the vestige of the old house exists in arched marble mantelpieces and plaster cornices in the living room which was formerly two parlours joined together with the removal of the center partition. The original stair survived until quite recently when the winders were replaced by a conventional

## 5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered NO



FRONT AVE.



## 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

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"Creighton," 1400 Front Avenue, Sheet 2

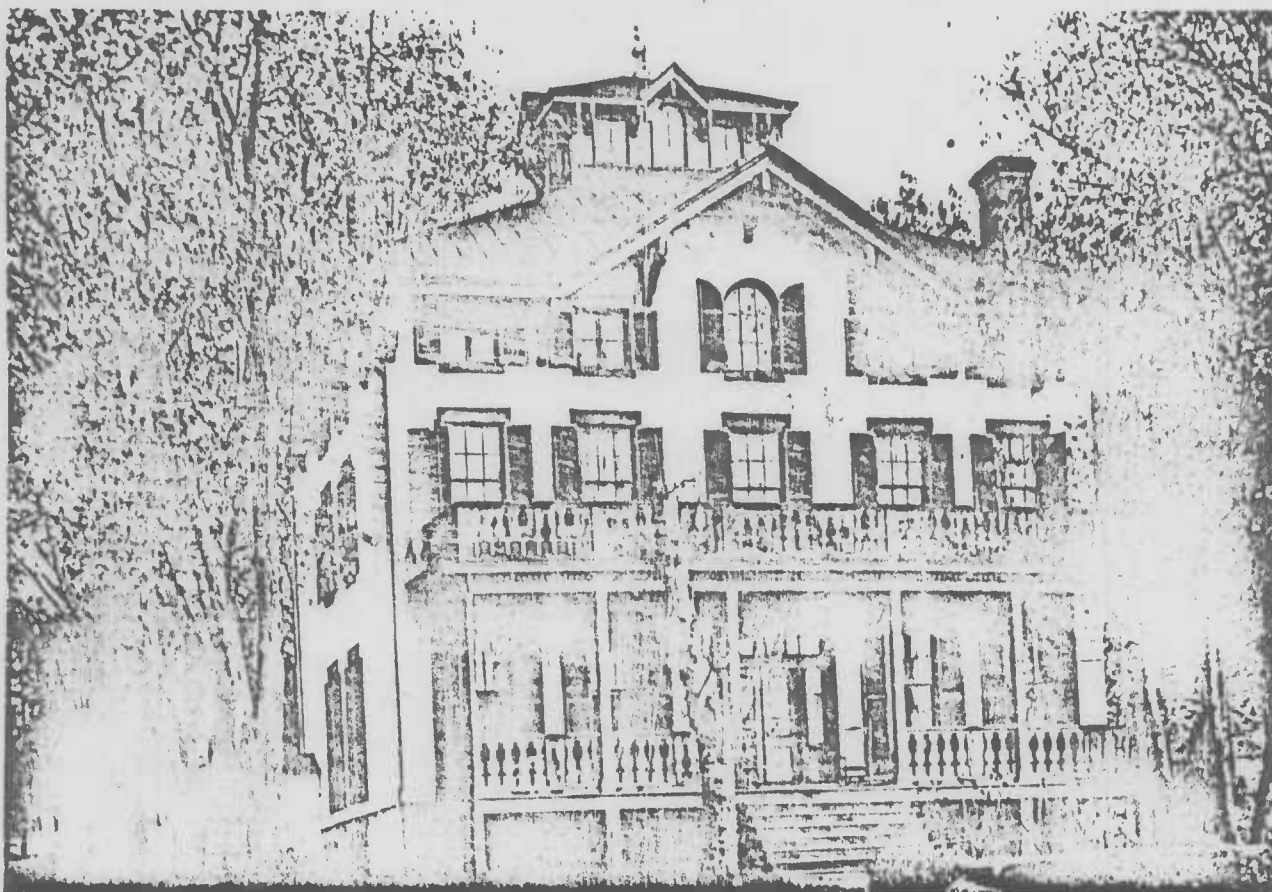
staircase with landings. The original stair details were reproduced for the modern oak risers and treads. Fragments of the old staircase exist in the attic.

The window openings appear to have at least retained, for the most part, their original number of sash lights. At the second floor there is six over six sash while the elongated north windows of the first floor, originally matching elongated south windows which presently have six over six sash, have six over nine sash. The windows are presently hung with louvered blinds as also seen in the old photograph which also shows that the original third floor windows, flanking the arched, nine light gable window, were casements. This fenestration difference could suggest that it was, indeed, an earlier house remodeled in the 1850's and "restored" in the 1930's.


Of additional note, a modern wing extends to the south adding a conservatory to the first floor plan and together with the raise in grade obscures the stone foundation seen in the old photograph. At the garden entrance opposite the front door, both opening into a central hall, there is a modern veranda with brick construction and flag stone paved.

On the property, a tract of land originally called "Creighton" and outside the bounds of the 1855 Lutherville plat, there is an early stable with long ventilation slots built into the brickwork. It now serves as a sheep shed. At the foot of Front Avenue a mortise and tenon constructed barn is built into the hillside. This steeply gabled barn, converted into offices, has an irregularly spaced five bay front facade, two stories high.

"Creighton," 1400 Front Avenue, Sheet 3



An old view of the house taken 8. 1915

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		2. NAME <b>Creighton</b>  DATE OR PERIOD <b>1834</b> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC</span>  <p>Two storied, stuccoed house, originally with cupola, named for the land on which it stands. Purchased in 1862 by Mr. James C. Megraw for \$10,000 in gold.</p> <p>Remodelled.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(second HABS report)          E. Frances Offutt          HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE          COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY          March 20, 1968</p>			
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